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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

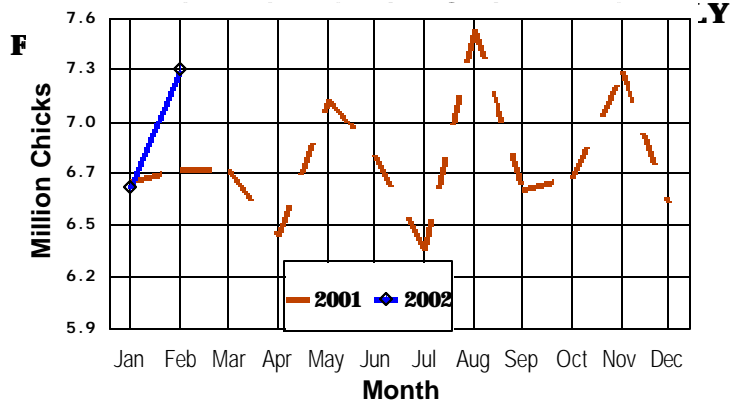
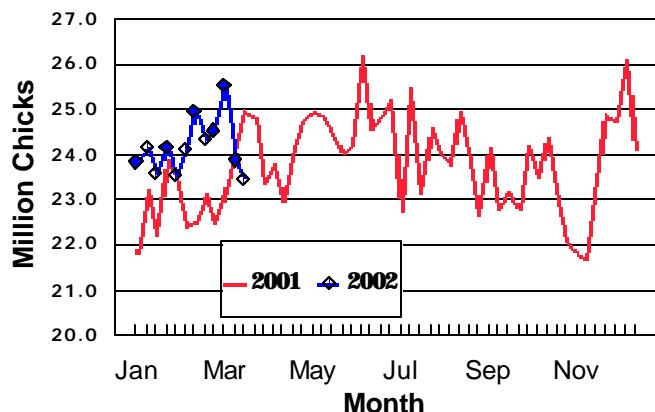
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.5 million during the week ending March 23, 2002, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and 2 percent below the revised previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2001 through March 23, 2002 were 290.3 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.5 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and slightly above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 23, 2002, up 2 percent from both the same period last year and the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.3 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2002, 8 percent above February 2001.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2001	2002	
	1,000		
Feb.	22,478	24,984	111
Feb.	23,167	24,382	105
Mar.	22,485	24,553	109
Mar.	23,203	25,518	110
Mar.	24,259	23,918	99
Mar.	25,011	23,490	94

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2000-01	2001-02	
	1,000		
Sep.	6,469	6,647	103
Oct.	6,694	6,704	100
Nov.	7,105	7,261	102
Dec.	6,429	6,577	102
Jan.	6,685	6,660	100
Feb.	6,748	7,275	108

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	02-Mar	09-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	%	16-Feb	23-Feb	02-Mar	09-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	%
Alabama	29,642 *	29,472	29,182	29,520	102	22,563	22,412	22,042	21,943	21,997	22,769	106
ARKANSAS	30,859	30,238	29,964	30,633	102	24,984	24,382	24,553	25,518	23,918 *	23,490	94
Delaware	3,555 *	3,548	3,559	3,471	94	5,785	4,809	4,902	5,576	5,239 *	5,167	109
Florida	2,342	2,331	2,281	2,317	86	2,150	2,510	2,128	2,180	2,277	2,165	92
Georgia	31,499	31,845	31,545	31,874	100	25,465	25,452	26,239	26,174	25,927 *	25,692	98
Maryland	10,002	9,363	10,079	9,223	107	5,601	6,779 *	6,751	6,293 *	5,874 *	5,970	104
Mississippi	18,774	18,807	18,654	18,827	99	14,925	15,639	15,691	15,720	15,988	15,553	97
N. Carolina	19,692	18,853	19,524	19,335	107	14,270	15,387	15,147	15,495	15,377	15,734	109
Pennsylvania	3,775	3,889	4,005 *	3,709	105	2,488	2,505	2,651	2,660	2,798 *	2,821	99
S. Carolina	4,918	4,819	5,004	4,971	98	3,893	3,918	3,979	3,914	3,951	3,805	90
Texas	15,320	15,324	15,328	15,376	104	12,132	12,044	12,161	12,216	12,190	12,162	103
Virginia	6,672	6,660	6,636	6,599	96	5,137	5,229	5,601	4,962	5,764 *	5,734	101
CA TN & W VA	10,912	11,708	11,102	10,975	97	9,066	9,162	9,220	9,851	9,870	9,671	95
Total 2002	187,962 *	186,857	186,863 *	186,830		148,459	150,228 *	151,065	152,502 *	151,170 *	150,733	
Total 2001	185,689	184,834	184,715	184,449		141,289	142,593	143,883	146,406	148,973	150,747	
% PREV. YEAR	101	101	101	101		105	105	105	104	101	100	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002.....						06-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	04-May	11-May	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	6,680	6,562	6,517 *	6,572	--	5,466	5,398	4,874	5,273	5,589 *	4,499	--
*Oklahoma	6,402	6,072	6,523	6,370	--	5,212	5,012	4,038	4,512	4,751	4,770	--
*LA & MO	9,357	9,308	8,694 *	8,964	--	7,958	9,823	9,238	9,403	10,873 *	10,373	--
19 StateTotal	210,401 *	208,799	208,597 *	208,736		167,095	170,461 *	169,215	171,690 *	172,383 *	170,375	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 187 million eggs during the week ending March 23, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 23, 2002. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 23, 2002 were 1.79 billion, up 3 percent the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will ONLY be available under "Publications" on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.